

In the claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-30. (Cancelled)

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Cancelled)

33. (Cancelled)

34. (Previously Presented) A portable computing device including a selectively removable communication apparatus provided in conjunction therewith comprising:

 a portable computing device having a housing having at least one selectable docking port associated therewith, a selectively removable communication apparatus having at least two selectable docking ports such that the communication apparatus is capable of mechanically docking and interfacing to the portable computing device in at least two operable configurations relative to the portable computing device; and

 wherein the communication apparatus includes a keypad interface on both sides thereof, one of which is accessible when docked to the portable computing device in at least one operable configuration, and the other of which is accessible when docked to the portable computing device in at least one other operable configuration.

35. (Previously Presented) A portable computing device including a selectively removable communication apparatus provided in conjunction therewith comprising:

 a portable computing device having a housing having at least one selectable docking port associated therewith, a selectively removable communication apparatus having at least two selectable docking ports such that the communication apparatus is capable of mechanically docking and interfacing to the portable computing device in at least two operable configurations relative to the portable computing device; and

wherein the communication apparatus is docked to the front of the portable computing device such that a docking connector of the portable computing device mates with a docking connector on the communication apparatus, with the front of the communication apparatus facing outward and the back of the communication apparatus covering a display of the portable computing device to act as a lid for the portable computing device.

36. (Cancelled)

37. (Cancelled)

38. (Previously Presented) A portable computing device including a selectively removable communication apparatus provided in conjunction therewith comprising:

a portable computing device having a housing having at least one selectable docking port associated therewith, a selectively removable communication apparatus having at least two selectable docking ports such that the communication apparatus is capable of mechanically docking and interfacing to the portable computing device in at least two operable configurations relative to the portable computing device;

wherein the communication apparatus includes a first side having at least a first interface keypad, a display and a first docking connector, and a back side having at least a second docking connector for mating with a connector associated with the portable computing device; and

wherein the back side of the communication apparatus further comprises a second keypad for data entry, wherein the communication apparatus may be docked with its front side or back side facing the portable computing device.

39. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 38, wherein the first and second docking connectors allow the communication apparatus to be coupled to the portable computing device in different orientations.

40. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 39, wherein one of the orientations positions the communication apparatus to cover a portion of the portable computing device, such that the display associated with the portable computing device is visible to a user, and a keyboard associated with the communication apparatus is accessible.

41-50. (Cancelled)